Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the final paragraph on page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2 illustrates a prior art message send and a return message send. Referring to Figs. 2 and 3 ~~Figs 1 and 2~~, time is shown along the horizontal axis 32. Wireless message transmission occurs at regular intervals as defined by the channel allocation cycle. Each time slot in the channel allocation cycle is shown by increments 34a-34g. During the time slot beginning at 34a, a message is sent from the base station processor 16 to the subscriber access unit 14, shown by time block 36. During the next time slot beginning at 34b, the subscriber access unit 14 processes the message and enqueues a return message, as shown by time block 38. Although the time to process and enqueue the return message required only half of a full time slot interval, it remained enqueued until the beginning of the next time slot since the wireless transmission occurs at the beginning of each time slot. The return message is sent back to the base station processor 16 during the time slot beginning at 34c, and received by the base station processor at 34d. A similar sequence occurs for the next message sent, as shown by time blocks 42, 44, and 46. Each message sent has required three time slot intervals before the return message is received.